

Kiel Farmstead, Privy
East Side, Illinois Route 4
One-half Mile South of U. S. 64
Vicinity of Shiloh Valley
St. Clair County
Illinois

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A. General Statement:

1. History: The privy was constructed during the early twentieth century, ca. 1905-20. This building, which probably is contemporary with the adjacent summer kitchen and smoke house, was constructed during a period of agricultural economic prosperity when many rural properties were modernized.
2. Architectural Character: The frame, shed-roof privy is located approximately 60' southeast of the Kiel House and immediately south of the combination summer kitchen and smoke house. The building, with its poured concrete foundations and molded weatherboard siding, is typical of early twentieth century construction.
3. Condition of Fabric: The building is in fair condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The privy is approximately 3'6" square in plan view.
2. Foundations: The privy rests on a concrete pad with a deep concrete walled vault beneath the concrete pad.
3. Walls: The exterior of the privy is covered with molded weatherboard.
4. Structural System, Framing: This building was constructed using nominal-dimensioned, non-local (fir and/or yellow pine) lumber and wire nails.
5. Openings: The only opening associated with this privy is a narrow door that faces west towards the house.
6. Roof: The privy has a flat, gently sloping, shed roof covered with composite asphalt shingles.

- C. Description of Interior: The interior of the privy has exposed framing. It has not been whitewashed. Centered along the back wall is a concrete shaft that is capped with the wooden seat and cover.

D. Site:

1. General Setting and Orientation: The privy is located approximately 60' east of the southeast corner of the Kiel House and immediately south of the combination summer kitchen and smoke house.
2. Historic Landscape Design: No information is available.